



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2021 ♦ 10:30 am



The Reverend Garfield Wu – Presider & Preacher

Welcome to St. Luke's!

We are glad to be able to worship with you. Our service will look a little different than usual week as we take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Though this time may bring challenges, we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

None of us comes to church by accident. No matter what joys, burdens, or problems you bring with you this day, we pray that God's grace will touch you and fill you with the hope and commitment to live your life with peace, courage, compassion, and love.

THE PROCESSION

Processional Hymn

Praise To the Lord, The Almighty – CP #384 (v. 1, 3, 6)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

6. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

Greeting

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the

Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his

glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Who Comes From God – CP #392

1. Who comes from God, as Word and Breath?

Holy Wisdom.

Who holds the keys of life and death?

Mighty Wisdom:

Crafter and Creator too,

eldest, she makes all things new;

she completes what God would do.

Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy Wisdom!

2. Who lifts her voice for all to hear?

Joyful Wisdom.

Who shapes a thought and makes it clear?

Truthful Wisdom:

Teacher, drawing out our best,

magnifies what we invest,

names our truth, directs our quest.

Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy Wisdom!

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet

come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Whom should we seek with all our heart?

Loving Wisdom.

Who once revealed will not depart?

Faithful Wisdom:

Partner, Counsellor, Comforter,

love has found none lovelier;

life is gladness lived with her.

Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy Wisdom!

The Sermon

By the Rev. Garfield Wu

The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Litany #3 (from BAS p. 112)

Celebrant: Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for Susan Bell our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for Oakville and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Family Cycle of Prayer:

Simone & Maurizio Chen, Sheila Clarke, Dean & Janet Correia, Bradley & Kristen Cousins, Wendy & Carl Cousins, Hugh & Leasa Cumming, and their families.

In the Diocese of Niagara:

Christ Church, Wainfleet; the Rev. Nirmal Mendis, Rector; the Rev. Deacon Diane Elliott; and the people of this parish.

Let us take a moment to say the names of those we know to be in need, or allow those things are weighing heavy on our hearts this day to come before the Lord. [...]

So, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you in Thought, Word, and Deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus – CP #374 (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! His the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 hath redeemed us by his blood.

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
 thou on earth our food, our stay;
 alleluia! Here the sinful
 flee to thee from day to day;
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own;

alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children
of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer #3)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of
heaven and earth; by water and the Holy
Spirit you have made us a holy people in
Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that
mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels, and
with all the holy people who have served
you in every age, we raise our voices to
proclaim the glory of your name.

All : **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: **Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember his death,**

**we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All: Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,
on earth as in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
but deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the Power,
and the Glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

The following prayer is said by all, during this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.

Celebrant: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **we welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with**

our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

The Eucharist

A time of silence is kept to allow people to make their act of spiritual communion. Following this silence, the people physically present receive communion in one kind by taking the bread from the paten while the chalice remains covered upon the Altar. Finally, the celebrant reverently consumes the wine.

The following prayer may be used by those making spiritual communion from afar.

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit.

In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart, may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul, may you, who gives yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.

Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

Eucharist Music

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God

All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, and all respond,
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn

More Than We Can Ask or Imagine – CP #86

1. More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we can ever dare to dream,
We are the children of heaven's creation,
God's own beloved,
each called by name.
And we cry, Glory! Glory!
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory we sing!

2. More than we will ever imagine,
More than we will ever understand;
We are sent to walk with compassion,
To live out God's love
by heart and by hand.
And we cry, Glory! Glory!
Glory to God who presses us on!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!
Glory our song!

3. More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we could ever desire:
Out of the dust God's building a kingdom,
Like wine from the press,
Like bread from the fire.
And we cry, Glory! Glory!
Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! Glory!
Glory on earth, Glory on high!

The Dismissal

Let us go out in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

Postlude

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4:14-21

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday at 9:30 am

Our Morning Prayer services continue at St. Luke's and online! Join us for a nourishing liturgy followed by a short Bible Study each Wednesday morning. This is a fun and friendly time of discussion and learning. No prior knowledge of the Bible is required. Come and check it out!

This Wednesday's Readings:

Psalms 38; Genesis 9:18-29;

Hebrews 6:1-12; Mark 3:1-6

Contact: **garfield@stlukepalermo.ca**

or **647-878-8650** for details!

Use this Zoom Link to join the service online:

<https://zoom.us/j/8608948908>

Meeting ID: **860 894 8908**

Passcode: **810921**

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Volunteer Position Available
Front Desk Volunteer



This position will be the first point of contact that a caller or visitor has with our organization. At all times, they must demonstrate a warm, professional, and helpful attitude.

This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours for high school, or if you would like to try something new within your community.

Please note that St. Luke's is adhering to the new COVID-19 protocols, and restrictions put in place as of January 3, 2021.

During Step 2 there will not be more than 5 people in the building at one time.

This is a volunteer position 4 hours per week
Saturday mornings from 9 am - 1 pm

If you would like to volunteer, please email your resume to ***office@stlukepalermo.ca***

Health and Safety Protocol:

- Always wear a mask when in the Church.
- Please sanitize your hands as you come into the Church, going up for communion and coming down after communion and when you are leaving the building.
- Please take your bulletin home with you.

If you have any of the following symptoms, please contact your family doctor.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can vary from person to person. Symptoms may also vary in different age groups. Some of the more commonly reported symptoms include:

- new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- temperature equal to or over 38°C
- feeling feverish
- chills
- fatigue or weakness
- muscle or body aches
- new loss of smell or taste
- headache
- gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting)
- feeling very unwell

Children have been more commonly reported to have abdominal symptoms and skin changes or rashes.

In severe cases, the infection can lead to death.

Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to COVID-19.

Evidence indicates that the virus can be transmitted to others from someone who is infected but not showing symptoms. This includes people who:

- have not yet developed symptoms (pre-symptomatic)
- never develop symptoms (asymptomatic)

While experts know that these kinds of transmissions are happening among those in close contact or in close physical settings, it is not known to what extent. This means it is extremely important to follow the proven preventative measures.

For more information, please look online at

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Diocesan Vaccination Policy

The Diocese of Niagara has enacted a policy to increase the protection and safety of their parishioners, clergy, employees, and all whom we serve by reducing the transmission of COVID-19 in our church and office buildings and other ministry spaces.

Effective September 9, 2021, all clergy, licensed lay workers, diocesan staff, liturgical leaders (musicians, readers, servers, wardens, greeters, etc.), youth ministers, those ministering to vulnerable populations, and others in ministry positions will be required to receive at least one dose of vaccine for COVID-19 by September 30, 2021, with the second dose administered no later than October 31, 2021.

Staff and ministry personnel must submit proof of vaccination to Mary Anne Grant at the Diocese of Niagara.

If you volunteer at Nourishing Neighbours or another volunteer position, please submit your proof of vaccination to ***office@stlukepalermo.ca***.

Anyone in a ministry position who is subject to legal exemption from vaccination under the Human Rights Code, must provide reasonable proof of this exemption.

**Thank you for joining us today.
We do hope that you will come again.**

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